

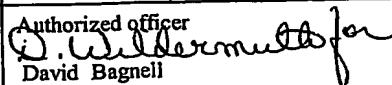
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-34 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
pages 35-43 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* 43/11 received by this Authority on 05 April 2005 (05.04.2005)
- the drawings:
pages 1-6 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages None
- the claims, Nos. None
- the drawings, sheets/figs None
- the sequence listing (*specify*): None
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): None

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-3 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not have an early enough publication date, and therefore does not teach or fairly suggest an adaptive expansion device that senses operating conditions during expansion and adjusts the spring and damping rate of the expansion device based on the sensed conditions.

Claims 4-6 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not have an early enough publication date, and therefore does not teach or fairly suggest an adaptive expansion device that senses operating conditions during expansion and adjusts a frequency characteristic of the expansion device based on the sensed conditions.

Claims 7-12 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an adaptive expansion device that has one or more expansion device segments and sensors that sense operating conditions during expansion and sense overlapping ends of tubular members or the threaded connection between tubular members.

Claims 13-18 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not have an early enough publication date, and therefore does not teach or fairly suggest an adaptive expansion device that senses operating conditions during expansion and senses the subterranean formation, and then adjusts an operational characteristic of the expansion device based on the sensed conditions and/or the sensed formation.

Claims 19-33 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest any of the limitations recited by these claims that depend from the aforementioned independent claims.

Claims 1-33 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, or 16, wherein one or more of the expansion device segments comprise:

one or more expansion surfaces; and

an actuator coupled to the expansion surfaces;

wherein the actuator comprises a plurality of degrees of freedom;

wherein the actuator comprises one or more rotary actuators; and

wherein one or more of the expansion device segments comprise:

one or more hydro-forming devices.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, or 17, wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:

displacing the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member in the longitudinal direction;

wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:

rotating the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member; and

wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:

applying a pressurized fluid to the interior surface of the tubular member.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, or 18, wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:

means for displacing the adaptive expansion device;

wherein the means for displacing the adaptive expansion device comprises a plurality of degrees of freedom; and

wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using a hydro-forming device.

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